



Inter Department Correspondence Sheet

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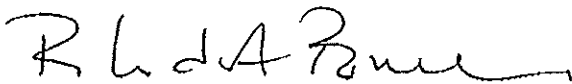
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SUBJECT: Minutes of the Committee Meetings

November 2, 2012

Attached are the minutes from the Committee meetings held October 23, 2012.

  
for R. Breckenridge Daughtrey

## **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

### **PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH EDUCATION MEETINGS**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2012**

President Fraim called the Committee of Public Safety and Health and Education and Education and Families Committees to order at 4:00p.m, with the following members present: Mr. Burfoot, Mr. Protogyrou, Mr. Riddick, Mr. Smigiel, Ms. Williams and Mr. Winn.

He thereupon called for the first item of business.

#### **CHICKEN ORDINANCE**

Ann Odell, Assistant City Manager reported as follows:

- Several citizens have expressed interest in raising chickens but present this is prohibited by ordinance.
- Health Department criteria include single family property with at least one acre of land, no proximity to parks, child care and public gathering places, 100 feet from water, a pen and coop meeting VDACS standards required with up to four hens and no roster.
  - 75 homes meet the 1 acre standard.
  - Would be an animal permit and fee.
  - The committee discussed modifying the regulations to increase qualifying properties.
  - After reviewing possible modifications the recommendation is to continue to use Health Department criteria and to seek council input on modification of criteria.

Council discussion led to a suggestion by Mr. Protogyrou for a lot size if 100x100 and limit the permits. Mr. Winn suggested reducing the lot size to a half acre with a limited number of permits. The city attorney noted the city cannot cap licenses due to the Dillon Rule. Mr. Burfoot said 5 acres. Ms. Williams said half an acre. Mr. Smigiel supported a quarter acre lot size. Mayor Fraim supported maintain one acre lot size and the other existing regulations.

Mr. Protogyrou suggested deferring the matter until Dr. Whibley can participate. Council concurred.

## **RPOS UPDATE**

Darrell Crittendon, Director of Recreation, Parks and Open Space, reported as follows:

- Bay Oaks Park: \$214,000 encumbered for preparing construction drawings and estimated construction costs is \$2.52 million.
- Barrauad Park: \$224,000 allocated for construction drawings and a new boxing center and wetlands restoration are being considered; cost estimates for design and construction of the park and boxing facility is \$5.2 million.
- The Youth Strategic Plan is proceeding with the expectation of preparing a draft document in January 2013 with a presentation to council April 2013.
- At NRHA properties, Granby Village open recreation facility offers a variety of programs; Young Terrace has before and after school facility and a variety of programs. Membership is \$10 per year for ages 17 and under; \$20 a year for 18 and over; fee waivers are available.
- For the Complete Streets component emphasis is being placed on expanding the pedestrian and bicycle network.